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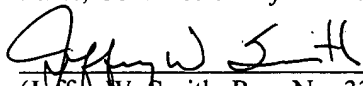
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stolte et al.  
Int'l Filing Date: November 4, 2004  
Application No.: 10/576,645  
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY STARTING A MILKING PROCESS  
Docket No.: 10034.542  
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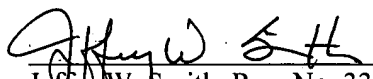
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First Named Inventor Friedrich Stolte

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Signature *Jeffrey W. Smith*

Printed name Jeffrey W. Smith

Date March 9, 2007

Reg. No. 33455

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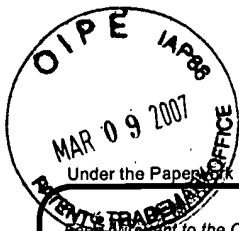
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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**Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Late filing surcharge

130.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature		Registration No. 33455 (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone 608-663-8200
Name (Print/Type)	Jeffrey W. Smith	Date	March 9, 2007

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed March 5, 2007, enclosed are the following items in the above-referenced U.S. patent application:

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the Applicants on May 15, 2006.
2. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.492(c)(4).

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Application No.: 10/576,645

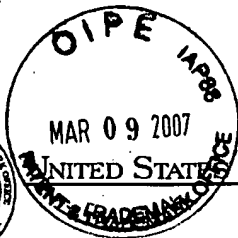
Having now complied with all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §371, Applicants respectfully request that this application be placed upon the files for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/21/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/21/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/21/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/21/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/21/2006
- Specification filed on 04/21/2006
- Claims filed on 04/21/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/21/2006
- Drawings filed on 04/21/2006

**ACTION:** Missing Requirements  
**DUE DATE:** 5/5/07  
**ENTERED:** 3/8/07  
**BY:** alw

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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